

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following heading and subheading at page 1, after line 1 as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

Please insert the following subheading at page 2, after line 5 as follows:

Related Art

Please insert the following heading at page 2, after line 17 as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

A1
The invention thus has as its object the development of a process for vacuum die casting which avoids the disadvantages of the prior art, particularly through a simpler and more reliable process control, and allows improved casting quality and an increase of the available shot time. ~~This object is achieved on the basis of the characterizing features of claim 1.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

B2
The basic idea of the invention consists of separating the evacuation procedure and the filling of the mold from one another and performing both procedures independently from one another. ~~This object is achieved on the basis of the characterizing features of claim 1.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

B3 A further object of the invention consists of developing a die casting mold for performing the process. ~~This object is achieved on the basis of the characterizing features of claim 4.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

B4 Advantageous embodiments are indicated in the ~~respective sub-claims~~ following description.

Please insert the following heading at page 3, after line 14 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading at page 3, after line 18 as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION